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Good afternoon,

I wanted to share an article from the <u>Washington Post</u> about the recent seizure by the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet of an illicit arms shipment. The article noted, "The weapons were found during a routine flag verification check of a stateless dhow (ship) traveling in international waters." As you may already know, Bahrain hosts the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet and U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and participates in U.S.-led military coalitions, including the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Mark

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